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Prevailing Winds returns to Wilton Library March 16

Wilton, CT – A slightly different sound will be originating from Wilton Library’s Brubeck Room when the Prevailing Winds of Connecticut woodwind quintet performs on Sunday, March 16, from 4 – 5 p.m. The Prevailing Winds quintet returns to the library for this performance in the *Connecticut’s Own* series playing world dance music such as South American dances, Cuban dances, renaissance dances, waltzes, a Charleston, a quick step, a Bossa Nova and a polka. The musicians featured on Sunday are:

- Ralph Kirmser, Oboe, is a founding member and oboist for the Prevailing Winds woodwind quintet of Connecticut. He also is the oboist for the Morningside Wind Quintet, New York City. He was principal oboist for the Vermont Symphony Orchestra while he was a student at Dartmouth College. He has studied under Harold Gomberg, Alfred Genovese and Joseph Robinson. Dr. Kirmser is a senior attending cardiologist at Norwalk Hospital.
- Kathie Sumrow, Flute, received her Bachelor of Music from New England Conservatory of Music and Master’s degree from Yale University School of Music. She studied in Europe as a Fulbright Scholar. She has performed with the New York City Opera and is currently a member of the Greater Bridgeport Symphony, the Norwalk Symphony and the Connecticut Grand Opera. She is a CPA and member of the Connecticut/New York bar.
- Janet Atherton, Clarinet, received her Master’s degree from the Manhattan School of Music and was a member of the National Orchestra Association in New York City. She plays in the Norwalk Symphony and has participated in the Festival of Two Worlds in Spoleto, Italy, and the Congregation of the Arts Festival at Dartmouth College. Ms. Atherton is a music teacher in the Greenwich public school.
- Richard Epstein, Bassoon, plays with the Norwalk Symphony and serves on its Board of Directors. He studied with Joyce Kelly and founded the Laurel Quintet at the Harrt School of Music, as well as the Norfield Quintet (now the Odyssey Quintet). He hosts a biweekly music show on WPKN, Bridgeport called “Sometimes Classical.” He also is on the board of the Westport Arts Center. He is a dentist in private practice in Westport.

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- Stewart Edelstein, Horn, is a founding member of Prevailing Winds more than thirty years ago. He graduated from the Preparatory Department of the Eastman School of Music, Oberlin College and Cornell Law School. He has performed with the Norwalk Symphony Orchestra and the cumulus Wind Ensemble and is the shofar blower for Congregation B’Nai Israel in Bridgeport. Edelstein is a trial lawyer at Cohen and Wolf, P.C., in the Bridgeport office.

The last date in the Connecticut’s Own series is Sunday, May 4 with the Amore Trio. The concerts are free of charge. Advance registration is recommended for these popular concerts and pre-registrants must arrive by 3:50 p.m. to be guaranteed seating. Waitlisted and walk-in registrants will be admitted after 3:50 p.m. if seats are available. Wilton Library is located at 137 Old Ridgefield Road in the heart of Wilton Center. For registration and directions, visit www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call (203) 762-3950.

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Caption: The Prevailing Winds of Connecticut woodwind quintet performs at Wilton Library on Sunday, March 16 at 4 for the library’s Connecticut’s Own Sunday concert series. Performers are (l-r) Stewart Edelstein, Kathie Sumrow, Richard Epstein, Janet Atherton and Ralph Kirmser. Wilton Library is located at 137 Old Ridgefield Road in Wilton Center. There is no charge for the program. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or (203) 762-3950.